History of Springs on East Side of Old Highway 40, Extending from Jordanelle Dam To Heber City, Utah

One Spring which comes out in the Timpanogos canal, above old Jordanelle Picnic Grove.

A Spring at Jordanelle.

Now, further down, in what has always been known as Riverdale:

A Spring at Heber Power Plant.

A Spring at Parley Probst Ranch.

The Burrows Spring, just south of the Pete Probst Home and just west of the old Highway 40, near the SE corner of Pete's home, with a white picket fence around it.

The Sessions Spring located west of present (2002 AD) Highway 40 and north of the old Pace and later John Barton Moulton home.

The Large London Spring.....known to the Ute and Shoshoni Indians for many years before Early Settlers came to it, in fall of 1858.
These very first settlers into Timpanogos Valley were:

- Robert Broadhead family.
- William Davidson family.
- James Bailey Davis family.

That winter, they made and lived in a "wickiup," shaped into a teepee-like structure, using tree branches, with the butts placed in a circle and the tops coming together in the center at the apex. Smaller branches were woven into these main standards, then mud was plastered all around the perimeter. It was large enough to house 30 people. The top was left open to allow the smoke out, from the fire that was built on the ground, in the center of the hovel.....for warmth.
In the late fall, that year, the very first known caucasian child was born to the William Davidson's. They named her, Mary Timpanogos Davidson, in honor of the valley in which she was born. The end of that story is, that she thrived and grew and married a man by the name of Horn and lived her life in Southern California.

Another Spring, known as the George McDonald Spring, is located east of the Leslie North home in Riverdale.

Still another spring comes out on the Clyde property, in Riverdale and forms what is known as the favorite youngsters fishing place......the "Spring Creek."
(Note: just west and south of the present Highway 40, where the Spring Creek flows under the highway, once stood the old Wasatch Creamery, so....from there on downstream, has been called the "Creamery Ditch."

There is yet another very important spring, which is the main water supply for the people of Heber City: first owned by the same Robert Broadhead Family, who was one of the first settlers at "London Springs." So it is called the "Broadhead Spring." It is located south and east of the George Holmes Dairy barns.

Of course, there are many other Springs in "Timpanogos Valley," (as the early Ute and Shoshoni Indians called it. They also called this valley: "The Mountain Valley," meaning the great Timpanogos Mountain, which can be observed from most everywhere in the Valley. This was their pristine, lush, delightful and pastoral Hunting Grounds, for centuries before the intrusion and settling of the caucasians.)

In contemplation of these springs; stretching from Jordanelle Dam and Jordanelle, through Riverdale and into Heber City; it makes me wonder if all these, come out of the same geologic stratum ......flowing out of our revered, High Uintah Mountains; where many of our city and state citizens hunt prize trophy elk, moose, deer and fish to their hearts content????
Maybe some Geologist or Surveyor or Hydaulic Engineer will elucidate this question, in the future.

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